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NEGRO WELFARE LEAGUE  
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NEW JERSEY.

Jan. 25, 1917.

PRESENT: Mrs. Little, Mrs. Mildred Holmes, Mr. W. P. Burrell,  
Mrs. C. M. Scott, Mrs. Franciaco, Miss Stratton, Miss Pendleton,  
Mrs. Street, Mrs. Green,

The third meeting of the Friendly Visitors Committee was held on the above date. The chairman, Mrs. Green presiding.

MENDHEIM. Mrs. Price was not present. Mrs. Holmes reports that she sent a note to Mrs. Green telling her about rooms which the Mendhelms could get. Mrs. Green did not receive the card but will take up the matter immediately.

GRAY, Harriet, Miss Brown was not present at the meeting but reported later in the day that Dr. Tirico's wife is anxious to keep the woman whose relatives are imploring her to return South. Mrs. Tirico is paying her \$16.00 a month and said that she should not leave her now that she had taken the trouble to teach her the ways of her household. Tears came to the old woman's eyes when she read a letter from her sister in the South. They will pay her way back if she will come.

McDONALD? RAPHAEL. The boy's mother has sent \$27.00 for his return home. Mrs. Scott will call to see him on her way home and tell him the money has come.

SHEFFIELD. Miss Robinson not present. No report.

SHERMAN. No report. Later Friday, Mrs. Green reported that the baby had come. She has given the children clothing from the Welfare Committee which delighted them.

MITCHELL, Mrs. Green reports that the Mitchells found a place on Saturday. They borrowed the money for the first installment of the rent which they will return to the Welfare Committee. (Get address from Mrs. Green.)

CALLOWAY, Mrs. Green reports that Mr. Calloway, to whom she wrote last week, died in the hospital. She had heard nothing from the South as yet.

CHAMBERS, Mrs. Little reports Sammy all right.

SMITH, Mrs. Little reports two old people living in the back of 50 Oliver Street. The old man is very sick. Mrs. Green will visit.

BLACK, Miss Robinson not present. Continued.

HOWARD, Continued on minutes for oversight merely.

LOVET, Mrs. Francisco reports the following on Mrs. Lovet Warren St.: On January 28th I visited Mrs. Lovet of 124 Warren St. She had the second floor, four rooms and pays \$12.00 a month. The rooms are in good conditions and all have two windows. The lower hall is not good. The toilet is out of order and is in the yard, which is in a very bad condition. There is a shop on Summit St. from which someone throws rubbish in the yard, and when it is wet it smells very badly.

Three families live in these rooms. Mrs. Lovet has a husband working at Lister's earning \$15.00 a week. She has three children; two of nine years and two girls of three and five years of age.

Mrs. Lovet lives in the kitchen. In it she has a bed, cooking stove. She has no sheets or pillow cases on the beds. There is a sink in this room. The two girls live with their grandmother in the middle room. Mrs. Lovet's sister-in-law, Mrs. Mitchell, husband and three children sleep in this room. There are two beds. Mr. Mitchell is also employed at Lister's and earns \$12 a week. They have two girls of nine and twelve and one boy of four years.

In the front room Mr. and Mrs. Owens live. In this room there are two beds and one bed. Mr. Owens works at Lister's and receives \$15 a week. They have no children.

Each family pays \$4 a month rent. They do not know who is the landlord. The men pay the rent.

Ten people sleep in these three rooms - four children and six adults. Three of the children go to school. Mrs. Lovet's boy was sick

d, but had not had a doctor up to the 26th of January. I told her to call one and pay him if she was able to do so. I told them to keep the children's heads, bodies and clothing clean and going to school, to keep themselves clean. Not to be afraid of cold weather or wind. I also told them to tell the men not to stand on the sidewalks, not to spit on the sidewalks or on the floors nor to smoke in the wind and to be clean going to and coming from work.

The women will work if they can get it. They can do house and laundry work. They are trying to be clean, but they will have to be so. I told them to keep the windows open at night and in the day; to keep good fires and to keep away from the stove.

Mrs. Lovet has a sister working at North 7th St. who receives \$12 a week. She would like to have some assistance as she has to pay Mr. Mitchell the cost of her ticket from Georgia to Newark.

This home has an income of \$42 a week, not counting that of Sister, Alberta Robinson. Mrs. Lovet asked me to call and see her. They are from Albany, Georgia.

The following is a list of things they would like to have at Warren St:- Mrs. Lovet - Shoes, size five; underclothing for boy of 12 years; pants and coat for her husband;

Mrs. Owens - A hat, pair of shoes, size five; and an overcoat for her husband.

Mrs. Mitchell - Coat for a girl of twelve; shoes and underclothing for all the children; for the four year old boy, she would like clothing from shoes to hat; for herself shoes, size eight and a very wide.

The Friendly Visitors Decision:- Asked Mrs. Francisco to continue a friendly interest in this family and to insist that they get their own clothing out of their excellent wages.

LOVET, 18 Vesey Street. I visited Mrs. Alfred Lovet, of Vesey Street. She had three rooms on the first floor, part of which were furnished. Her landlord is Mrs. Clark, 111 Sherman Ave.,

The front room has two windows and is light. In it are a bed, a stand, a stove and two chairs. The middle room is dark, with but one window. This room contains two beds, and an oil stove. The kitchen is light, and has a stove, table and three old chairs. The rooms are in good condition but very dirty.

Mrs. Lovet has a husband 68 years old who works at Vesey St. for wages of \$2.40 a day. He was home sick at the time I called. I thought he would be able to return to work on Monday. Mrs. Lovet has two girls, aged ten and eighteen, and three boys of fourteen, seventeen and nineteen years. The girl of 18 and the boy of fourteen go to school. The two other boys work at Vesey St. and receive \$2.40 per day. The elder girl would work if she could get it.

Mrs. Lovet has a boy of eighteen, named Alfred Kohl, who is living with her. He works nights and receives \$12 a week. She has

also a married daughter who doesn't live with her husband. She is not sick but cannot work. Her name is Mrs. Brown and she is twenty-four years old.

Mrs. Lovet has her son's two girls of three and five with her from 124 Warren St., On the second floor there is a bath. The income in the House is \$52.50 a week.

There are eleven people living and sleeping in three rooms.

They are all from Albany, Georgia.

I told them to be clean and not take advantage of the privileges they have in the North and which they do not have in the South.

What they would like to have at this house.

Mrs. Lovet - Waist and skirt, large size

Mrs. Brown - Shoes, 8 and wide.

18 year old girl - Dress, coat and hat.

14 year old boy - Coat

10 year old girl - Dresses for school

18 year old boy - overcoat

Girls of three and five - Anything they can get, as they need clothing badly.

The Friendly Visitors Decision:- That no relief be given this family. Mrs. Francisco continue to visit and persuade them to buy their needed clothing out of their excellent wages. It is suggested that the girl of 18 be invited to join a group who are meeting at 144 Livingston Street under the leadership of Mrs. West.

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Miss Stratton reports man ill with Tuberculosis. Very distressing conditions in the home. Miss Pendleton suggested that the case be reported to the Associated Charities for investigation and if necessary to ask Miss Stratton to follow it up.

Mrs. Green reports that she had called to see sick people in the hospital and it was suggested that Mrs. Green get the names and addresses of these families and where they came from so the Committee can investigate conditions.

Helen B. Pendleton  
Sec. Pro. Tem.